Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 09 Mar 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 07 Mar 2023 at 13:50 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for fine conditions at first but lower confidence in exact track and intensity of snowfall later Thursday and into Friday.

Headline for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023: Dry, sunny but cold on Wednesday.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Clear night	Clear night	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability							
10%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%	<05%

Forecast for Wednesday 08 Mar 2023

Weather: A little low cloud in the north during the early hours but this soon clearing to leave clear skies throughout the day. Cold but still pleasant with light winds.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Generally >90% but 40% in north for a few hours overnight.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud in the north briefly, bases 500-700m, then clear skies and very good visibility.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	14/18 N	11/15 N	10/13 NE	8/11 NE	5/8 E	4/7 NE	8/10 NE	7/10 NE	8/11 NE
900	9/12 N	6/8 NE	6/8 E	6/8 E	5/7 NE	5/7 NE	7/9 E	6/8 NE	6/8 NE
600	4/6 S	4/6 S	3/5 S	3/5 S	2/5 E	4/7 NE	6/8 E	4/6 NE	4/7 SW
300	2/6 N	2/4 S	3/4 SE	2/4 S	2/5 NW	3/7 N	4/6 NE	3/4 SE	3/5 S
Glen	3/10 W	2/4 W	2/4 SW	2/4 S	3/6 N	4/7 NE	3/6 N	2/4 W	2/4 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-13/-22	-14/-22	-15/-23	-13/-19	-10/-15	-10/-14	-13/-19	-16/-22	-14/-20
900	-10/-17	-11/-16	-11/-16	-9/-14	-7/-11	-6/-10	-8/-13	-9/-14	-9/-14
600	-8/-12	-9/-12	-9/-12	-7/-10	-5/-7	-4/-6	-5/-9	-7/-11	-8/-12
300	-6/-9	-8/-11	-10/-14	-6/-9	-2/-4	-1/-3	-4/-7	-8/-10	-9/-12
Glen	-7/-10	-10/-11	-14/-14	-8/-8	-1/-2	0/-1	-4/-5	-8/-8	-9/-11
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Sun glare expected from the snow. Very cold temperatures, particularly at height.

Forecast for Thursday 09 Mar 2023
Weather: A fine start to the day with clear skies continuing but chance of a few light snow showers into the afternoon. By evening a band of low cloud and persistent snow, heavy at times, will push up from the south across the region.

Maximum wind: Light variable winds at first, increasing to easterly 25 gust 40 mph into the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: >90% at first, decreasing to 60% during the afternoon and 10-20% by evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Good at first. Scattered low cloud, base 500-700m, in association with any snow showers, with occasional poor visibility. Widespread low cloud, base 300-600m, into the evening and poor visibility.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 6 rising to plus 2 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 12 rising to minus 5 Celsius.
Freezing level: 0-200m.

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